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Applicant: Shinji YAMAMOTO et al.  
Title: EXHAUST GAS PURIFYING SYSTEM  
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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed June 7, 2002, the period of reply being extended to March 6, 2003, by virtue of the Notice of Appeal filed on December 6, 2002 along with a petition and fee for a three-month extension, and the submission herewith of a petition and fee for a further one-month extension, please amend the application as follows and consider the following remarks.

**In the Claims:**

Please cancel claim 4 without prejudice or disclaimer.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, please substitute for claims 1, 18, 28-30 and 33-35 the following rewritten versions of the same claims, as amended. The changes are shown explicitly in the attached "Versions with Markings to Show Changes Made."

1. (Twice Amended) An exhaust gas purifying system comprising: